



# NEPA BATTALION ROTC



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### Who We Are

The Royal Warrior Battalion is comprised of several cadets from 10 colleges and universities located throughout Northeastern Pennsylvania. Headquartered at the University of Scranton, the Royal Warrior Battalion has a distinguished history producing officers who have served the Army and the Nation at every rank from Second Lieutenant thru Lieutenant General. Many of our graduates and commissionees have gone on to enjoy success following their military service in politics, business, education and other endeavors

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### Our Mission

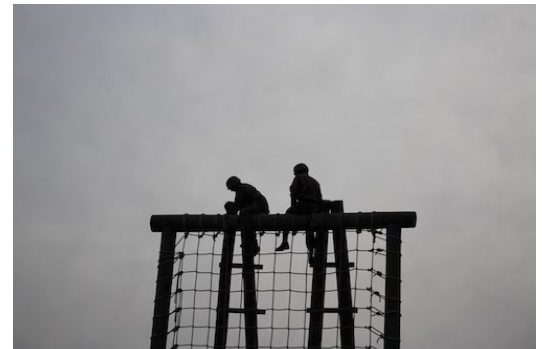
Our mission is to successfully Commission Cadets into the U.S. Army and prepare them for success within the United States Military as an Officer.

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For the Fall 2019 throwback roll call, we recognize Colonel Edward J. Burke, a Royal Warrior Battalion alumnus who recently transitioned from the Army. Colonel Burke retired on 1 November 2019, after over 30 years of Active Duty service.

Born in Munich, Germany and into an Army family, Colonel Burke grew up moving throughout the United States and around the globe until his family settled in Dunmore, Pennsylvania. A 1985 graduate of the Hill School in Pottstown, Pennsylvania, he earned a commission as a Second Lieutenant of Infantry and a Bachelor of Arts in History as a Distinguished Military Graduate of the University of Scranton in 1989.

Following completion of the Infantry Officer Basic Course, Colonel Burke was assigned to the 8th Infantry Division (Mechanized) in Germany where he served as a rifle platoon leader. He later served in the 2nd Infantry Division in Korea and the 6th Infantry Division (Light) in Alaska—in a variety of company-level leadership and staff officer positions. Assignment as an assistant professor of military science at Marshall University in Huntington, West Virginia followed his completion of the Logistics Officer Advanced Course at Fort Lee, Virginia.

Colonel Burke subsequently served, again in Germany as a logistics staff officer, and in The Netherlands as a company commander and a battalion operations officer. From 2001 to 2002, as a member of the 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry), Colonel Burke deployed to Uzbekistan and Afghanistan, planning and coordinating logistical requirements in support of OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM combat operations. He would later serve the division as a brigade logistics officer and a battalion executive officer at Fort Drum, New York.

Colonel Burke went on to serve in two Pentagon assignments—one in the office of the Army's Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, and another as the speechwriter for the Joint



Staff's Director of Logistics. He also commanded a battalion in Hawaii from 2007 to 2009 and returned to Afghanistan from 2013 to 2014 to command a brigade. In 2014, he became U.S. Army Europe's 42nd Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics—where he was responsible for the sustainment policy, planning, and resourcing of the Army's forward presence, security cooperation, and exercises in 51 countries, in and around Europe.

Colonel Burke holds two post-graduate degrees; a Master of Arts in International Relations from the University of Oklahoma, and a Master of Science in National Resource Strategy from National Defense University's Eisenhower School. He is the recipient of the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Meritorious Service Medal, and other military awards and decorations.

Colonel Burke and his wife, Martina, reside in Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan and their two sons, Ed and George, are currently students and ROTC cadets at the University of Scranton.

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My name is Mackenzie Murray. I am a cadet at The University of Scranton majoring in nursing and will be commissioning active duty Nurse Corps next spring. I am a part of the Royal Warrior Battalion; a group of dedicated, enthusiastic cadets committed to becoming our great nation's future leaders. I would like the battalion to have more opportunities outside of The University to support our community, and specifically our veterans. One objective we have is to participate in the Bataan Memorial Death March in White Sands, New Mexico in Spring 2020. The march is a marathon (26.2 miles) through the high desert terrain of White Sands Missile Range. This event is the ultimate opportunity to feel a sense of pride, accomplishment, and Patriotism. It is a privilege to participate with thousands of other marchers that come out in memory and pay tribute to Bataan Veterans for the sacrifices they made while participating in the original Bataan Death March.

The team will consist of five cadets, including myself, from different universities across our Battalion. In order to participate in the Bataan

Memorial Death March, we will need to raise \$3,000. This money will supply us with bus tickets to the airport, flights to New Mexico, a rental car, and a night in a hotel. As valued members of our community, we are asking you to lend your support by making a donation to help us achieve our mission.

The team and I are eagerly looking forward to the event and the hard training leading up to it. Thank you for taking your time to read our proposal and I look forward to being in contact with you all soon.

Very Respectfully,

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### Partner With Us!

For more information regarding the scholarship fund or if you would like to make a contribution, please contact:

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We accept cash, checks, and Venmo. Please make checks payable to the Royal Warrior ROTC.



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### Upcoming Events:

For these upcoming events, additional funding is needed, and appreciated! We gratefully accept cash, checks, and Venmo of any amount that could help to benefit this program. Thank you for your support!

- Military Ball (Date)
- Bataan Death March (15 March 2020)
- Army 10 Miler (11 October 2020)

## Social Media

For more pictures, events, and general information about what the Royal Warrior Battalion is doing, visit our Facebook and Instagram pages!



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## Summer Training

Over the past summer, we had many cadets participate in summer training including: Basic Camp, Advanced Camp, Cadet Coalition Warfighter Program (previously CULP), Military Internships, Cadet Troop Leader Training, Opposing Forces, Air Assault, Airborne and Project Go.

### Basic Camp:

CDT Reid  
CDT Mesa  
CDT Sheehan  
CDT Fields  
CDT Barnhart

### Advanced Camp:

CDT Barone  
CDT Conrey  
CDT Sterner  
CDT Walter  
CDT Bachman  
CDT Kim

CDT Davis  
CDT Lumia  
CDT Haley  
CDT Walker  
CDT Oliverio  
CDT Jacobs

CDT Econopouly  
CDT Feliciano  
CDT Clarke  
CDT Mitnick  
CDT Kruegler  
CDT Moschetti  
CDT Flanigan

### Cadet Coalition Warfighter Program:

CDT Coar  
CDT Livingston

CDT Sterner  
CDT Walter  
CDT Alvarado  
CDT Murray  
CDT Magoon

### Military Internships:

CDT Moschetti - Nurse Summer Training Program  
CDT Feliciano - Nurse Summer Training Program  
CDT Flanigan - Nurse Summer Training Program  
CDT Clarke - Nurse Summer Training Program  
CDT Oliverio - Advanced Cyber Education

### Cadet Troop Leadership Training:

CDT Haley  
CDT Lumia  
CDT Kruegler

### Opposing Forces:

CDT Waxman  
CDT Rojas  
CDT Rottger  
CDT Alvarado

### Air Assault:

CDT Cerminaro

### Airborne:

CDT Murray  
CDT Gannon